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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of one month to the Office Action dated February 14, 2006.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
3. Applicant is other than a small entity.

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4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>
one month	\$120.00

Fee: \$120.00

5. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Extension fee due with this request	\$120.00
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6. Extended period for response

Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on June 14, 2006.

7. Fee Payment

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$120.00 to Deposit Account No. 10-0750.

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